



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** Agricultural  
Commissioner  
**Department No.:** 051  
**For Agenda Of:** January 21, 2014  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Guy Tingos, 681-5600  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Kendra Stites or Mary Ann Rajala, 681-5600  
**SUBJECT: Pest Exclusion Program Agreement 13-0163**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to receive reimbursement for the County's High Risk Pest Exclusion Program for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$80,781.26; and
- b) Determine that the above action involves government funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities and is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4).

**Summary Text:**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has defined high-risk shipments as those where there exists a high degree of likelihood that one or more "A" or "Q" rated plants pest will be introduced or spread via the shipment. "A" and "Q" rated pests (Medfly, Oriental Fruit Fly, Red Imported Fire Ant, Asian Citrus Psyllid, etc) are those that have been determined to have potential for causing severe damage to the State's agricultural industry, natural resources, or environment. Through this agreement, CDFA reimburses the County Agricultural Commissioner for her staff's inspections of high-risk shipments. These inspections are conducted at pre-defined high-risk pathways such as Fed Ex, UPS, and truck shipments to commercial nurseries in order to insure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations.

**Background:**

The funds available for distribution to County Agricultural Commissioners for this program vary each year due to fluctuations in state resources. The department has received funding for these activities since FY 1999-2000, with funding for fiscal year 2011-12 in the amount of \$83,940.50 and for fiscal year 2012-13 in the amount of \$79,656.28.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 80,781.26		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 80,781.26	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The revenue from the agreement is included in the FY 2013-14 budget for the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a minute order and a fully executed signature page for Standard Agreement No. 13-0163 to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

**Attachments:**

Agreement #13-0163

**Authored by:**

Guy Tingos